Financial and Technical Assistance to States

2189. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any scheme to financially and technically assist those States who do not have their own power generating facilities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, whether Government propose to assist such States depending upon their projects: and

(d) the demands of the Government of Goa for upgradation, improvement of power supply in the State pending with Government?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) to (c) Under the Accelerated Generation and Supply Programme (AG&SP), financial assistance in the form of interest subsidy is provided by the Central Govt, for increasing power generation in the State. Under this scheme, so far. in the 10th Plan about Rs. 1279 crores has been released.

As per the present policy of Government, States/UTs are generally allocated share of Power from central sector projects based on the guidelines issued in April, 2000. There is 15% unallocated share in the Central Sector projects which is allocated to the needy States/UTs by the Ministry of Power separately.

Financial assistance is also provided to the NE States by the Ministry of Development of the North Eastern Region from its schemes of Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources and the North Eastern Council for augmenting their power generating capacity.

(d) Goa is at persent being given a firm allocation of 273 MW and 373 MW out of unallocated power from Central Generating Stations. No request from the Government of Goa for allocation of power is pending with the Government. Further, no loan proposal is pending with Power Finance Corporation. Power Finance Corporation has not received any loan proposal from Govt, of Goa during Financial Year 2006-07. The Government has. so far, sanctioned 7 projects to the State of Goa amounting to Rs. 288.94 crore under the Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme and released Rs. 113.40 crore so far.